



From The Director...

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"Restoring humanity to life"



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Executive Director

I wanted to use my personal message this month to let you know about the terrible loss of one of ISEPP's finest. David B. Stein, Ph.D., died on December 18, 2016, after a slow decline subsequent to suffering a stroke. David was one of ISEPP founders, a member of the Board of Directors since the beginning, and a devoted opponent of the medical model of mental illness, especially as it affects children. He was a university professor, criminal justice consultant, and professional psychologist.

David published several books about childhood problems: *Unraveling the*

Dear ISEPP members and friends,

2017 Membership Drive!

Please, please, please check to see if you have renewed your ISEPP membership. There are still many 2016 members who have not yet renewed. Within the coming weeks, we will be removing those people from the membership roster, from the ISEPP Listserv, and from *EHPP* access and distribution. You can easily renew here: <http://psychintegrity.org/joinrenew/>.

"The Advance"

[Warfighter Advance](#) is up and running! For those of you who haven't followed this, ISEPP is the fiscal sponsor of this program while it is applying for non-profit status. ISEPP's Mary Vieten, Ph.D., Director of ISEPP's Operation Speak Up, is its Executive Director. It provides week-long retreats based on a non-medical, non-clinical, non-drug approach to helping those who suffer from the traumas of war. It conceptualizes post-traumatic reactions as natural human responses to

ADD/ADHD Fiasco: Successful Parenting Without Drugs, Stop Medicating, Start Parenting: Real Solutions for Your "Problem" Teenager, and Ritalin is Not the Answer: A Drug-Free, Practical Program for Children Diagnosed with ADD or ADHD. His latest book looked at a broader subject: *The Psychology Industry Under a Microscope!*

David was a great friend and mentor to many in ISEPP, several times offering free training to anyone interested in his techniques of working with parents and children. His presence has graced ISEPP and he will be sorely missed. Rest in peace.

horrific experiences, not pathological reactions that need treatment. It uses the power of human connection and understanding in its attempts to assist those traumatically affected to reintegrate back into society. The first retreat is scheduled for March 2017. Please spread the word and let any of your military or veteran friends know about it!

The ISEPP Inquiry

We've uploaded a new video to our [Inquiry feature](#). In it, ISEPP's Ron Unger is interviewed by Michele about his work in helping people who experience psychosis. Coming from the perspective of someone who has experienced states that are typically targeted by the mental health system, he talks about the importance of understanding oneself and the meaning of psychotic experiences, rather than attempting to eradicate them through "treatment".

MIA Provider Directory

Mad In America has recently announced their provider directory is back online. Keep this resource in mind when you are looking for ISEPP-friendly professional help. You can access it at <https://www.madinamerica.com/provider-directory/>. You can also search ISEPP's provider listing at <http://psychintegrity.org/search-for-a-therapist/>.

EHPP Editor Named

I'm glad to announce that ISEPP's Noel Hunter, Psy.D., has been named as an associate editor for our peer-reviewed journal, *Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry (EHPP)*.

Noel brings with her a wealth of experience and talent to the staff of *EHPP*. She is also on the ISEPP Board of Directors and she is one of the stellar and promising newer members of ISEPP!

DSM Petition

Keep an eye out for our petition to the major mental health professional organizations, which asks for ethical guidance regarding the invalidity of the DSM. [Mad In America](#) has agreed to post it at their website in order to publicize it and solicit other like-minded organizations to sign on.

New Book!

Another ISEPP member, Joanne Cacciatore, Ph.D., has recently published a new book, [*Bearing the Unbearable: Love, Loss, and the Heartbreaking Path of Grief*](#). The book is receiving great reviews. It is a wonderful examination of the process of grief. One reviewer commented, "This is a holy book, riddled with insight and compassion. It will bless all of us in our times of sorrow."

As always, I ask that you all share this newsletter and other ISEPP information through your social networking sites. Also, make sure to visit our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. Feel free to contact me at docruby@me.com or 301-646-6022 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Chuck' written in a cursive, flowing style.

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